



**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, February 15, 2012 - 5:30 p.m.  
City Hall, 301 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Rm. 1029  
Austin, Texas 78701

**URBAN FORESTRY BOARD MEMBERS**

**Patrick Brewer, Chair**  
**Nicholas Classen**  
**April Rose**

**Tom Hayes, Vice Chair**  
**Peggy Maceo**

**Ryan Fleming**  
**Christopher Kite**

**AGENDA**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

**B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Approve the minutes of the Urban Forestry Board meeting of January 18, 2012.

**C. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION**

The first 4 speakers signed up prior to the meeting being called to order will each be allowed a three-minute allotment to address their concerns regarding items not posted on the agenda.

**D. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**E. BRIEFINGS**

1. Urban Interface Code briefing: Carl Wren – Chief Engineer, Austin Fire Dept./Emergency Prevention Division
2. New Land Acquisition briefing: Ricardo Soliz – PARD Division Manager, Park Planning, Design & Construction
3. City Arborist Program Monthly Update: Michael Embesi – City Arborist, Planning and Review Development Department / Keith Mars – Planning and Review Department
4. Austin Energy Utility Forestry Staff Report: Ray Henning – Line Clearance Superintendent, Austin Energy

**F. EXECUTIVE LIAISON'S REPORT**

Urban Forestry Program Staff Briefing – Walter Passmore, Urban Forestry Program Manager

1. Communication Improvements document review and comment
2. Barton Springs Pool American Elm (#2) near Eliza Springs recommended for removal, Cottonwood (#1) recommended for continued monitoring and re-assessment
3. Recycled water station opening
4. Future Forest project unveiling at It's My Park Day 3/3/12 at Bartholomew Park

#### **G. NEW BUSINESS: DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS**

1. **Discussion and Action Item:** Discussion and possible action regarding Tree Species list and what possible action to take in terms of implementation and departmental reviews
2. **Discussion and Action Item:** Discussion and possible action on Cemetery Tree report from Board Member Classen
3. **Discussion and Action Item:** Review and approve UFB Annual review
4. **Discussion Item:** Discussion of transplanting of heritage trees (diameter 24" and greater), including 2011 occurrence data, administrative review process, related mitigation issues and current lack of public review.

#### **H. FUTURE ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

1. Briefing on the state of Hancock Golf Course transitioning when it becomes available.
2. Cemetery status briefing: Gilbert Hernandez – PARD Contract Compliance Specialist
3. Briefing on downtown tree inventory, including project boundary, methodology, and data to be collected

#### **I. ADJOURNMENT**

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